# IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE APPEALS

DYLAN E EHLEN Claimant

# APPEAL 15A-UCX-00001-H2T

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

#### JSR IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

OC: 12/21/14 Claimant: Appellant (2)

Iowa Code § 96.4(3) – Able and Available 871 IAC 24.2(1)e – Failure to Report

### STATEMENT OF THE CASE:

The claimant filed an appeal from the February 10, 2015, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision that denied benefits. Because the issue appealed was resolved administratively prior to the hearing in the appellant's favor (see the reference 02 representative's decision), no testimony was necessary and no hearing was held.

#### **ISSUE:**

The issue is whether the representative's decision should be affirmed.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT:

Having reviewed all of the evidence in the record, the administrative law judge finds: The decision appealed has been reversed in favor of the appellant by the reference 02 representative's decision.

#### **REASONING AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW:**

For the reasons that follow, the administrative law judge concludes the representative's decision should be reversed.

Iowa Code § 96.4-3 provides:

An unemployed individual shall be eligible to receive benefits with respect to any week only if the department finds that:

3. The individual is able to work, is available for work, and is earnestly and actively seeking work. This subsection is waived if the individual is deemed partially unemployed, while employed at the individual's regular job, as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "b", unnumbered paragraph 1, or temporarily unemployed as defined in section 96.19, subsection 38, paragraph "c". The work search requirements

of this subsection and the disqualification requirement for failure to apply for, or to accept suitable work of section 96.5, subsection 3 are waived if the individual is not disqualified for benefits under section 96.5, subsection 1, paragraph "h".

Iowa Admin. Code r. 871-24.2(1)e provides:

e. In order to maintain continuing eligibility for benefits during any continuous period of unemployment, an individual shall report as directed to do so by an authorized representative of the department. If the individual has moved to another locality, the individual may register and report in person at a workforce development center at the time previously specified for the reporting.

The method of reporting and the payment of benefits, provided the individual is otherwise eligible, shall be on a biweekly basis by mail if the claimant files a Form 60-0151.

The method of reporting shall be weekly if a voice response continued claim is filed, unless otherwise directed by an authorized representative of the department. An individual who files a voice response continued claim will have the benefit payment automatically deposited weekly in the individual's financial institution's account or be paid by the mailing of a warrant on a biweekly basis.

In order for an individual to receive payment by direct deposit, the individual must provide the department with the appropriate bank routing code number and a checking or savings account number.

The department retains the ultimate authority to choose the method of reporting and payment.

Since the decision appealed has been amended in favor of the appellant, the original representative's decision bearing reference 01 is reversed.

### **DECISION:**

The February 10, 2015, (reference 01) unemployment insurance decision is reversed so as to be consistent with the subsequent agency action. Benefits are allowed, provided the claimant is otherwise eligible.

Teresa K. Hillary Administrative Law Judge

Decision Dated and Mailed

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